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WOMEN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether good number of women are doing the job of Air Traffic Controller (ATC) at diferent airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware the women ATC constantly have to face high stress, the frequent transfers and working odd hours with tense situation at the cost of their family life; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Govt. to ease their problems?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b) A total of 96 women Air Traffic Control Officers (ATCOs) are, presently, working in Airports Authority of India (AAI).

(c) & (d) The working environment for the ATCOs in AAI are commensurate with the international practices. As regards, frequent transfers and working at odd hours, AAI has taken the following measures:

(i) normally women ATCOs are being accommodated at their choice of stations, subject to operational requirements of various stations; and

(ii) whenever women ATCOs are deployed on operational duties, separate rest rooms are provided at the working place.